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FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF MANSFIELD

Sheriff Goes to Jail

A few years back, I read an article about a new sheriff from the Midwest who was inspired to spend a week in his own jail with the hope it would make him a better sheriff and give inspiration to the inmates. At first, I thought the article was a joke, but confirmed it was real.

This sheriff's goals included:

- Gain additional perspective into his inmate program and have a better understanding of jail operations from an inmate's viewpoint.
- Spend significant periods of time in conversation with inmates to attempt to learn more about their issues.
- Honor in some small way the volunteers that come into the jail on a regular basis.
- Draw attention to the need for rehabilitation programming.
- Awaken the collective consciousness of society.

In considering the goals of honoring the volunteers that work in the jail environment, drawing attention to legitimate rehabilitation programs, and awakening the collective consciousness of society that there are some real problems in the criminal justice system, these are not only worthy causes, but

things that a sheriff would be expected to do. The programs in my jail are the best the public can afford and come not from the Sheriff's Office budget, but from other concerned and legitimate (mostly volunteer) sources within our community. I wholeheartedly endorse and support programs if they are able to help inmates turn their lives around and be productive members of our community.

Instead of spending time with inmates, I like to spend time with the victims of the inmates. They are more deserving and it helps me to gain a better understanding of what they are feeling. It also inspires me to work even harder for their safety and security.

I do occasionally talk to inmates, but for different reasons. The sheriff from the Midwest apparently wants to be in touch with the inmates' feelings; I, on the other hand, am not so much concerned about their feelings, but rather prefer to focus on what they thought about their experience in my jail, how they were treated by my staff, and if they look forward to coming back.

From the inmates I get consistent responses like: I'm never coming back, this place sucks, and I will move to avoid coming back here. One inmate said this was the

worst jail in the state and he assured me he had been in them all. I asked him how the jail staff treated him and, after pausing for a second, said he was treated fairly and with respect.

We run a tough, no frills jail that holds inmates accountable. We don't provide coffee, cigarettes, TV, exercise equipment or pornography to the inmates. It's a clean facility that meets the humanitarian needs of inmates as required by law. My staff treats inmates right because of who we are, not because of who they may be.

My philosophy in running your jail comes from talking to the people I serve and sincerely listening to those who have been victims of crime. Ensuring the jail is an uncomfortable place for people who choose to break the law is what the people in Lewis County expect.

I am not sure if the sheriff from the Midwest ever spent that week in his jail, but if he did, I hope he realized that the people he works for (not the inmates he incarcerates) deserve more of his time, leadership and energy to make their community a safer place to live, work, go to school and raise a family.

Sheriff Steve

TWO CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES PROMOTED



*Jail Administrator
Kevin Hanson*



*Lieutenant
Ryan Barrett*

Nineteen year veteran Kevin Hanson was selected by Sheriff Mansfield to fill the appointed position of Jail Administrator and Ryan Barrett was recently promoted from Sergeant to the position of Custody Lieutenant.

In Kevin's previous position as the Custody Lieutenant, he was responsible for the daily operations of the Jail, and ensuring safety, security, and quality service were "Job 1" for his employees. He worked directly with the Department of Corrections and other counties in scheduling and receiving contract prisoners into

the Jail, which resulted in revenue of over two-million-dollars per year for Lewis County. Lieutenant Barrett has taken over Kevin's former role in managing the daily operations of the jail. He is a seven year veteran who has moved up the ranks from Corrections Officer, Sergeant, to his new position as Custody Lieutenant. Ryan is looking forward to the challenges of a middle management position.

As the new Jail Administrator, Chief Hanson brings to the table his many years of exemplary public service, a true desire to provide quality service to the members of his community, the ability and willingness to face obstacles head-on, and an approachable and flexible management style.

Members of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office management team are excited to work with Chief Hanson and Lieutenant Barrett as they lead the Corrections Bureau into the future.

**Congratulations
Chief Hanson & Lieutenant Barrett!**



*Left: Sheriff Mansfield commissions Ryan Barrett to his promotional position of Corrections Lieutenant.
Above: Sheriff Mansfield with the Hanson family on the date of Kevin's promotion.*

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- ♦ Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult. Young children should always go with an adult.
- ♦ Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- ♦ Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others to see you.
- ♦ Watch closely for cars. Drivers may not be able to see you due to darkness and dark colored costumes.
- ♦ Avoid wearing masks that obstruct your vision.
- ♦ Look both ways before crossing the street and use established cross-walks.
- ♦ Walk, do not run, and stay on sidewalks whenever possible.
- ♦ Approach only houses that are well lit.
- ♦ Accept treats from the doorway. Never go inside a house.
- ♦ Stay away from animals you don't know.
- ♦ Never walk near lit candles or luminaries.
- ♦ Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well. All candy should be inspected closely by parents for any signs of tampering. Signs of tampering include, but are not limited to, unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.



Visit the Offender Watch Link for sex offenders living in your area at www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff, then click on Offender Watch

SAFETY CITY RIBBON CUTTING

This week hundreds of Lewis County children, grades kindergarten through third, visited the newly renovated Safety City. Lewis County Traffic Safety Coordinator Melody Nelson was able to secure a \$5,000 grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission's Safe Routes to School Program. Centralia student Thayer Lund took on the rebuilding as his Eagle Scout Leadership Project.



Thayer, along with the assistance of his dad, grandfather and members of Boy Scout Troop 300 designed, constructed, sanded, and painted the 39 miniature 3-D buildings. Additional volunteers from the Sheriff's Office and the W. F. West High School leadership class then detailed the buildings to look like various businesses and government offices you would see if traveling within Lewis County, along with a few fairytale buildings like a castle and Dr. Seuss' house. Children are led through the maze of signs and buildings by law enforcement or fire service personnel while being instructed about such topics as fire safety, pedestrian safety, school bus safety, railroad crossing safety and more.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 22nd, at the Centralia Training Facility, to reveal the new Safety City. Ambassadors from the Chamber of Commerce, along with various city/county dignitaries, attended the 4:00 p.m. event. The current Southwest Washington Fair Little Miss Friendly, Sophia DeTray, was present to hand out stickers to those in attendance.

Thayer was given a plaque from Lewis County for his dedicated service to this project. The brightly painted new buildings will serve the community for many years. The buildings were constructed to fold flat, allowing for easy storage, transportation and setup. Thayer is the son of Jamie and Marla Lund.

THANK YOU THAYER LUND!!!



Above: Sheriff Mansfield and 17-year old Thayer Lund check out the newly constructed miniature Sheriff's Office.



At left: View of the princess castle and bus garage. Above: Train station by tracks that the children will learn to safely cross, along with a country barn.





Above: Thayer Lund prepares to cut the ribbon officially revealing the new Safety City. Also present are Lewis County Commissioner Ron Averill, Centralia Mayor Harlan Thompson, Traffic Safety Coordinator Melody Nelson, Chehalis Mayor Tony Ketchum and Sheriff Steve Mansfield.



Above: Thayer Lund with his grandparents and mom, Marla, and brother, Ty.



Above: Cathy from Live 95 broadcasts at the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Left: Thank you to Blakely & Hout, lifetime sponsors of Safety City.



Left: Young Kylee stands in front of her favorite building—the Ice Cream Parlor.



Above: Cookies clad with a school bus logo await the arrival of ribbon cutting ceremony visitors. Cookies made and decorated by Traffic Safety Coordinator Melody Nelson.



TWO U.S. FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES COMMISSIONED

The commissioning of U. S. Forest Service agents Bob Tokach and Ron Malamphy occurred on October 25th with Sheriff Mansfield. This commission will grant limited authority to act on the Sheriff's behalf to enforce all statewide criminal laws in Lewis County. This partnership with U. S. Forest Service will help promote safety and security within rural areas of Lewis County that often lack appropriate law enforcement coverage.

"This office continues to face budgetary challenges. By enhancing partnerships and finding new ways to maintain appropriate level of services, we will continue to meet our mission in ensuring Lewis County is a safe place to live, work, play and conduct business," said Sheriff Mansfield.



Special Agents Bob Tokach and Ron Malamphy are commissioned by Sheriff Steve Mansfield.

WEBSITE CREATED TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS

Law enforcement investigators in Washington State can now post photographs of individuals captured on video they could not identify during their investigations. CanYouID.me is a new website that was created by the City of Lake Forest Park Police Department as a central warehouse for photographs of individuals needing identified for a case investigation. Subjects depicted in the photographs may not always be the potential suspects but could also be persons of interest or witnesses to a crime.

Anyone who recognizes a person in a photograph can contact the investigating agency via email by clicking on the photograph on the CanYouID.me website. The goal of the website is to have as many people as possible view the photographs to assist law enforcement with the identification of these unknown persons.

Lewis County recently had a case where an individual was caught on camera by a business owner. After the article and photo was ran in the local newspaper, the suspect bragged to individuals that it was him. Needless to say, this individual was eventually apprehended for the thefts.



Sheriff Mansfield stated, "This is another great example of how citizens can partner with law enforcement to keep their communities safe. If you hear or see something, say something."

TWO DEPUTIES RECOGNIZED AS AMERICAN RED CROSS REAL HEROES

Deputies Brady Taylor and Matt Schlecht were recognized in August at the annual American Red Cross Real Heroes event. The two deputies were nominated for their quick actions in two unrelated but similar suicide attempts.



THANKS TO DEPUTIES TAYLOR & SCHLECHT FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

DRIVING IN BAD WEATHER



RAIN:

- To improve visibility, turn on your lights and defroster.
- Try to drive in the tracks of the car ahead, reduce your speed and allow for additional stopping distance.
- Be very careful during light rain and mist. Dirt and oil on the roadway surface can create very slippery road conditions.
- Puddles of rain can conceal potentially damaging potholes.
- Hydroplaning can occur. When this happens, the tires of your car lose contact with the road and ride up on a wedge of water. Make sure your tires have good tread and are properly inflated. If your car does hydroplane, keep the steering wheel straight; take your foot off the gas and do not hit your brakes or try to steer. As your speed slows, the weight of the car will cause the car to settle down onto the road again.

FLOOD:

- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE THROUGH FLOOD WATERS.** The water may be deeper than it appears. Two feet of water can carry away most vehicles.
- If you happen to drive into an area where water is running swiftly, the force of the current may pull your car to one side. If this happens, ease off the gas but don't touch the brakes. Then steer away from the swift water.
- If your car is caught in a flash flood, get out of your car immediately and move to higher ground.

FOG:

- If you see a patch of fog ahead, slow down before you reach it.
- Turn on your low beam headlights or fog lights.
- Turn on your defroster and windshield wipers.
- Be alert for slow moving vehicles and traffic stopped ahead.
- In heavy fog, roll your windows down. You may hear other cars before you see them.

**Information supplied by the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division*

For local river readings, road conditions, flood information and emergency preparedness, log onto www.lewiscountywa.gov and click on Emergency Info.

WINNERS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS QUIZ

Three winners were randomly selected for correctly answering questions regarding hot weather from the Sheriff's June 2010 E-Newsletter. Each winner received a Grab 'n Go Desk Preparedness Cup! The winners were:

Kim Amrine, Shawn Frazier & Carrie Breen



Answers to our June quiz were:

1. True
2. True
3. D. All of the above
4. A. 110°
5. False



**Shop with a Cop
Coming Soon**

Shop with a Cop is a program which brings underprivileged children together with police officers to shop for themselves and their families for Christmas.

If you know of a child/family in need this holiday season, applications will be available at the Lewis County United Way Office in mid-November. Before the children are eligible to participate, the applications are screened and reviewed by a selection committee.

Shop with a cop is funded by employee contributions, fundraisers and donations. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please mail your non-profit contribution to L.C.S.O.A., PO Box 462, Chehalis, WA 98532.